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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 06359

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, MILI, BQG
SUBJECT: PROTEST TO SOVIETS REGARDING INCIDENT
INVOLVING FRG PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE

REFS: (A) STATE 89486
(B) BONN 6219 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT REPLY TO REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
2. ON APRIL 7, THE BONN GROUP AGREED TO THE TEXT OF A PROTEST FOR DELIVERY BY THE BRITISH CHAIRMAN POLAD IN BERLIN EARLY NEXT WEEK. THE FRENCH WILL REPORT THE TEXT TO THE FRENCH MISSION IN BERLIN, WITH A COPY TO PARIS, BUT WILL NOT SEEK THE QUAI'S APPROVAL. THE BRITISH WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON BUT, BASED ON CONTACT WITH THE FCO ON THE MATTER, EXPECT PROMPT APPROVAL.

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3. THE TEXT OF THE PROTEST IS THAT CONTAINED IN REF B, WITH SLIQT MODIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A) THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH IS REVISED TO READ: "SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVING BY SOVIET FLAG TOURS, APART FROM CONSTITUTING A PETTY ACT OF

DISCOURTESY, COULD CAUSE A SERIOUS ACCIDENT."
(COMMENT: THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) ASKED FOR
DELETION OF THE REFERENCE TO A VISITOR SINCE PRESIDENT
SCHEEL, IN VIEW OF THE TIES BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE FRG,
SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS FOREIGN
VISITORS WHO MIGHT ALSO BE TERMED "DISTINGUISHED
VISITORS." END COMMENT)

(B) THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IS REVISED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS: "THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES DEPLORE THE CONDUCT
OF THE SOVIET SOLDIERS IN THIS MATTER. I AM INSTRUCTED
TO REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TAKE THE NECESSARY
MEASURES TO DISCIPLINE THE SOLDIERS CONCERNED AS WELL
AS TO ENSURE THAT, IN THE FUTURE, THE SOVIET FLAG TOURS
DRIVE SAFELY, COURTEOUSLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF
BERLIN." (COMMENT: THE UK REP (EATON) SAID THAT THE
BRITISH WOULD PREFER TO USE THE WORD "PROTEST" FOR MORE
SERIOUS MATTERS, E.G. THOSE WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT ALLIED
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SUCH AS A RECENT INCIDENT
OF SOVIET DESTRUCTION OF A POLITICAL POSTER. A RECOM-
MENDED PROTEST ON THE LATTER SUBJECT IS BEING REPORTED
SEPTEL. END COMMENT)
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